

**REMARKS**

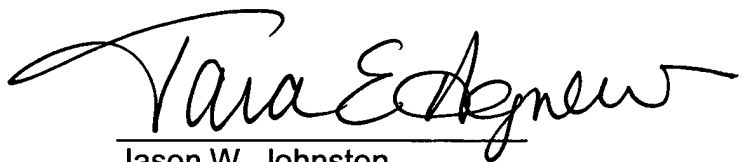
Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Office Action mailed on September 9, 2003 indicated that the pending claims were subject to a restriction requirement. Applicants first respectfully note that claims 1-34 were originally filed and are currently pending in the application, whereas the Office Action refers only to claims 1-25. Specifically, the Office Action indicated that Group I (which should encompass claims 1-19 rather than claims 1-15) is drawn to a method for forming a fabric. Group II (which should encompass claims 20-34 rather than claims 16-25) is drawn to a composite fabric. Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group II, claims 20-34, to be examined and respectfully request that claims 1-19 be withdrawn from consideration.

It is believed that the present application is in complete condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully requested. Examiner Pratt is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned, however, should any issues remain after consideration of this Amendment. Please charge any fees required by this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 04-1403.

Respectfully submitted,

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